

Remarks

Claims 54-67, 75-92, 102-107, 115-119, 122-176 are pending in the current application. Claims 146 and 173 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. New claim 176 finds support throughout the original application as filed. Specifically, claim 176 finds support, for example, at page 11, first and third full paragraph and page 30, first through the fourth paragraphs. No new matter has been added by way of the amendment to the claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner confirm that the amendment and remarks filed May 15, 2001 are made of record in the captioned application.

Applicants further note that a Notice of Appeal was filed on May 15, 2001; and, thus, the accompanying Request for Continued Prosecution Application filed *in lieu* of a Brief on Appeal, is being timely filed within two months of the Notice of Appeal.

Conclusion

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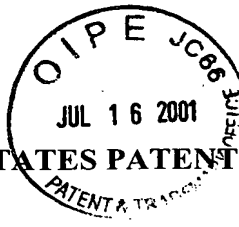
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VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

146. (Once Amended) A method of producing [the] a host cell [of claim 144] comprising the vector of claim 142, comprising transducing, transforming or transfecting the host cell with [the] said vector [of claim 142].

173. (Once Amended) A method of producing [the] a host cell [of claim 171] comprising the vector of claim 169, comprising transducing, transforming or transfecting the host cell with [the] said vector [of claim 169].